

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 3, 4 and 7-18 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claims 1 and 19-20 as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A recording method for use in a recording system for completing an image by multiple scans of a recording head, the method comprising the steps of:

reading an image recorded by a predetermined number of scans among the multiple scans of the recording head except at least the last scan;

correcting, based on a result of reading the image in the reading step, data for an image to be recorded by one or more scans subsequent to the predetermined number of scans; and

correctively recording an image by performing one or more scans subsequent to the predetermined number of scans in accordance with the corrected data,

wherein the recording head is capable of discharging plural inks that are substantially the same color, but have different concentrations from each other, and

the subsequent one or more scans perform recording by using the ink having the lowest concentration among the plural inks.

2. (Original) A recording method according to Claim 1, wherein the predetermined number of scans are all of the multiple scans except the last scan.

Claims 3 and 4. (Cancelled).

5. (Original) A recording method according to Claim 1, wherein the recording system performs recording by repeating main scan recording made by the recording head scanned in a main scanning direction and a sub-scan in which a recording medium is fed in a sub-scanning direction; and

the sub-scan is performed by feeding the recording medium through a distance that is smaller than a recording width of the recording head in the sub-scanning direction.

6. (Previously Presented) A recording method according to Claim 5, wherein the recording system is capable of recording a plurality of dots in one pixel area and performs gradation recording depending on the number of dots formed in one pixel area.

Claims 7-18. (Cancelled).

19. (Currently Amended) A recording method ~~according to Claim 1, for~~
use in a recording system for completing an image by multiple scans of a recording head, the
method comprising the steps of:

reading an image recorded by a predetermined number of scans among
the multiple scans of the recording head except at least the last scan;

correcting, based on a result of reading the image in the reading step,
data for an image to be recorded by one or more scans subsequent to the predetermined number
of scans; and

correctively recording an image by performing one or more scans
subsequent to the predetermined number of scans in accordance with the corrected data,

wherein the correcting step subtracts the image data read by the reading
means from input image data to obtain the corrected data.

20. (Currently Amended) A recording method ~~according to Claim 1, for~~
use in a recording system for completing an image by multiple scans of a recording head, the
method comprising the steps of:

reading an image recorded by a predetermined number of scans among
the multiple scans of the recording head except at least the last scan;

correcting, based on a result of reading the image in the reading step,
data for an image to be recorded by one or more scans subsequent to the predetermined number
of scans; and

correctively recording an image by performing one or more scans
subsequent to the predetermined number of scans in accordance with the corrected data,
wherein the image data read by the reading step is subjected to scaling
for tone range adjustment prior to being used in the correcting step.

Claims 21-25. (Cancelled).